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MISCELLANY.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the National Conference of Charities and Correction was held at Grand Rapids, Mich., June 4 to June 10, 1896. The president's address, by Albert O. Wright, Esq., of Wisconsin, was on "The New Philanthropy," the distinguishing characteristics of which were declared to be, on the philanthropical side, that it studies causes as well as symptoms, and that it considers classes as well as individuals; on the practical side, that it tries to improve conditions, thus changing the environment of the defective, to build up character as well as to relieve or punish, to find prevention as well as cure. Mr. Wright emphasized especially the necessity of cutting off the entail of hereditary pauperism, crime, insanity and idiocy by keeping defectives in institutions. From this point of view he looked with approval on the plan of holding an immense mass of people in mild imprisonment in state and local institutions. The new philanthropy also claims as its own the work of social settlements, the rapid rise of the study of sociology in the universities, the development of child-saving agencies and the organization of charity.

The Conference held two general sessions daily each, as a rule, in charge of a particular section which provided the presiding officer and the subjects for discussion. Besides this, each section held four or five meetings. In a few instances, joint meetings were held by two sections for the discussion of subjects of joint interest.

Special prominence was given this year to the Charity Organization Section by the presence of Mr. C. S. Loch, General Secretary of the London Charity Organization Society; and to the Section on Social Settlements by the proximity to Hull House, Chicago, which sent excellent representatives. Reinforced by the presence of Professor C. R. Henderson, of the University of Chicago, Professor Graham Taylor, of the Chicago Commons, Dr. Philip W. Ayres, of the Bureau of Charities, and others, the delegation from Chicago was more noteworthy than that from any other single city.

The section on Child-Saving drew perhaps larger audiences than any other. The presentation of the work of the Children's Home Society drew forth some acrimonious discussion concerning the need for any further organization of this work than is provided by the Children's Aid Societies.

Hon. Philip C. Garrett's address on "The Merit System" presented the reverse side of the much discussed Spoils System. Captain Gardiner, who has had charge of the famous potato patch experiment in Detroit, explained it in detail and submitted to a fire of cross-questioning concerning it. Judge Grant criticised severely the ordinary prison system, and in the various sections which dealt with public institutions there was valuable discussion of the practical care of juvenile delinquents, the chronic insane and the feeble minded.

The most important single addresses were the Conference Sermon by Professor Francis G. Peabody, of Harvard University, and the address on the "Scope and Influence of Charity Organization," by Mr. Loch, on Sunday afternoon.

The program in full was as follows:

THURSDAY, JUNE 4.

Opening Session, 7.30 p. m., Hon. HARVEY J. HOLISTER, of Grand Rapids, presiding.

1. Addresses of Welcome.—Governor JOHN T. RICH, for the State of Michigan.

Mayor L. C. STOW, for the city of Grand Rapids.

President JAMES B. ANGELL, University of Michigan, for the educational institutions of Michigan.

2. Responses.—By Hon. ANDREW E. ELMORE, Green Bay, Wis., and Mr. F. B. SANBORN, Concord, Mass.
3. President's Address.—By Mr. ALBERT O. WRIGHT, Madison, Wis.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5.—Section Meetings, 9 to 11 a. m.

Juvenile Reformatories.

1. Paper by Superintendent W. G. FAIRBANKS, Middletown, Conn.: "How may Patriotism be best Taught in a Juvenile Institution?"
Discussion led by Superintendent IRA OTTERSON, Jamesburg, N. J.
2. Conference.—"What Intelligent Measures are being taken to Overcome the use of the Tramp and Criminal Dialect by Juvenile Delinquents?" Roll call of institutions.

Charity Organization.

1. Discussion opened by Superintendent R. W. HEBBERD, Charity Organization Society of New York City: "Co-operation."
2. Paper by Miss LOVE and Mr. FREDERICK ALMY, Buffalo, N. Y.: "The New Plans in Buffalo."

3. Mr. NATHANIEL S. ROSENAU, manager of the United Hebrew Charities of New York City, presented a chart showing the operation of a clearing house.

Chronic Insane Poor.

1. Paper by Dr. HAL C. WYMAN, Detroit, Mich.: "Some Methods of Caring for the Chronic Insane Poor."
2. Discussion led by Hon. Z. K. PANGBORN, Jersey City, N. J., and Dr. R. D. EASTMAN, Topeka, Kan.

General Session, 11 a. m. to 1 p. m.

1. Report of Committee, by the Chairman, Honorable C. E. FAULKNER, Atchison, Kan.
2. Paper by Colonel E. E. CLOUGH, Deadwood, S. D.: "State Soldiers' Homes."
3. Paper by Captain J. H. WOODNORTH, United States Pension Agent, Milwaukee: "Pensions and Soldiers' Homes."
4. Paper by Mrs. L. A. BATES, Aurora, Neb.: "The Work of the Women's Relief Corps."

Section Meetings, 2.30 to 4.30 p. m.

Juvenile Reformatories.

1. Paper by Secretary MARY E. COBB, Philadelphia: "The Proper Relative Importance to be given to Scholastic and Industrial Education."
2. Discussion led by Superintendent LUCY M. SICKELS, Adrian, Mich.
3. Conference.—"Do those who are most Advanced in Studies, when Paroled, make the Best Records?" Roll call of institutions.

Chronic Insane Poor.

1. Paper by Superintendent W. A. GORDON, Winnebago, Wis.: "The Separation of the Acute from the Chronic Insane in our Hospitals."

Child-Saving Work.

Subject: Truant Fathers.

1. Paper by Rev. E. P. SAVAGE, State Superintendent of Minnesota Children's Home Society, St. Paul: "Results of Two Years' Studies."
2. Paper by Superintendent JAMES SMITH, Ohio Humane Society, Cincinnati: "Experience in the City of Cincinnati."

Unveiling of Gilbert Statue, 4.30 p. m.

Unveiling, in East Fulton Street Park, of the statue of the late Thomas D. Gilbert, first president of the Charity Organization Society of Grand Rapids, and President of the U. B. A. Home. Address by President JAMES B. ANGELL, University of Michigan.

General Session, 8 to 10 p. m.

Subject: The Merit System (Civil Service) in Public Institutions.

1. Report of the Committee by Hon. PHILIP C. GARRETT, Philadelphia, Chairman.
2. Paper by Professor C. R. HENDERSON, Chicago, Ill.: "Adaptation of the Merit System for Efficiency."
3. Paper by Professor J. J. BLAISDELL, Beloit, Wis.: "An Examination of Institutions under the Merit System and under the Spoils System."
4. Paper by LUCIUS B. SWIFT: "Dangers of the Spoils System in Public Institutions."

SATURDAY, JUNE 6.—Section Meetings, 9 to 11 a. m.

Juvenile Reformatories.

1. Paper by Superintendent E. CARL BANK, Ione, Cal.: "Should Boys of Tender Age and without Criminal Tendencies be sent to Schools where Older Boys with Criminal Tendencies are Confined."
2. Discussion led by Major R. W. McCLAUGHRV, Pontiac, Ill.
3. Paper by Superintendent JOHN E. ST. JOHN, Lansing, Mich.: "The Objects of Military Training."
4. Discussion led by Superintendent J. H. EASTMAN, Howard, R. I.

Charity Organization.

Subject: Friendly Visiting.

1. Paper by Mrs. L. P. ROWLAND, Grand Rapids: "The Merit System in Public Institutions."
2. Discussion of paper by Superintendent F. H. NIBECKER, Glen Mills, Pa.: "Best Methods for the Introduction and Employment of the Merit System in Institutions."

General Session, 10 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Subject: The Chronic Insane Poor.

1. Report of Committee, by Chairman, SAMUEL BELL, M. D., Newberry, Mich.

2. Paper by Dr. JULES MOREL, Ghent, Belgium: "Observations as an Alienist for Five Years to the Belgium Prisons." Read by F. B. SANBORN.
3. Paper by Superintendent Dr. O. R. LONG, Ionia, Mich.: "Care of the Criminal Insane."
4. Paper by Hon. W. P. LETCHWORTH, Buffalo, N. Y.: "Provision for Epileptics."

Section Meetings, 2.30 to 4.30 p. m.

Juvenile Reformatories.

1. Conference. "What Efforts are Being Put Forth for the Special Benefit of the Chronic Delinquent Child?" Roll call of institutions.

Chronic Insane Poor.

Subject: State vs. County Care.

1. Paper by Hon. JAMES E. HEG, Lake Geneva, Wis.: "County Care under State Supervision."
2. Discussion led by Dr. J. L. HILDRETH, Cambridge, Mass.

Child-Saving Work.

Subject: Child Saving by the Catholic Agencies in the United States.

1. Paper by THOMAS F. RING, of Boston, Mass.

Meeting of the Ladies' Literary Club, at their Club House.

Addresses by Miss JULIA C. LATHROP and others, on the subject of "Social Settlements."

4.30 to 6 p. m.

Reception to the ladies of the Conference by the Ladies' Literary Club.

General Session, 8 to 10 p. m.

Subject: Juvenile Reformatories. Chairman, Superintendent F. H. BRIGGS, Rochester, N. Y.

1. Address by GEORGE W. GOLER, M. D., Manager New York State Industrial School: "The Juvenile Delinquent, the Causes that Produce Him; the Evolution of Modern Methods for his Reformation."

SUNDAY, JUNE 7.—Conference Sermon, 10.30 a. m.

By Professor FRANCIS PEABODY, Harvard University, in the Park Congregational Church.

General Session, 3 p. m.

Mass Meeting in Lockerby Hall. Subject: Charity Organization.

1. Report of Committee, by the Chairman, PHILIP W. AYRES, Chicago, Ill.
2. Address by Mr. C. S. LOCH, General Secretary Charity Organization Society, London, England.
3. Address by Professor C. R. HENDERSON, Chicago, Ill.: "The Scope and Influence of a Charity Organization Society."
4. Address by Miss MARY E. McDOWELL, Chicago, Ill.: "Friendly Visiting."

General Session, 7.30 p. m.

Mass meeting in Lockerby Hall. Subject: Social Settlements and the Labor Question.

1. Address by Miss JULIA C. LATHROP, Hull House, Chicago, Ill.: "What the Settlement Work Stands for."
2. Address by Dean GEORGE HODGES, Boston, Mass.: "Religion in the Settlement."
3. Address by Mr. JOHN D. FLANIGAN, Grand Rapids, Mich.: "The Ideal of the Trade Union."
4. Address by Mrs. FLORENCE KELLY, Chicago, Ill.: "The Working Child."
5. Address by Professor GRAHAM TAYLOR, Chicago, Ill.: "The Settlement and the Labor Movement."

MONDAY, JUNE 8.—Section Meetings, 9 to 11 a. m.

Juvenile Reformatories.

1. Paper by Superintendent F. H. NIBECKER, Glen Mills, Pa.: "The Effects of Physical Defects upon those who Remain Incurable under the Influences of a Properly Conducted Juvenile Institution."
2. Discussion led by LEWIS W. ROSE, M. D., Rochester, N. Y.
3. Paper by Mr. FREDERICK G. KRAEGER, Waukesha, Wis.: "The Use of Libraries in Reformatory Work."

Charity Organization.

1. Address by Professor HENRY ADAMS, Ann Arbor, Mich.
2. Paper by Captain CORNELIUS GARDNER, Detroit, Mich.: "Able-bodied Poor and Unemployed."

General Session, 11 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Subject: Scientific Study of Social Problems. Chairman Rev. M. McG. DANA, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.

1. Paper by Professor CHARLES H. COOLEY, University of Michigan: "Nature vs. Nature in the Making of Social Careers."

Section Meetings, 2.30 to 4.30 p. m.

Child-Saving Work.

Subject: Foundlings.

1. Paper by ANNETTE J. SHAW, M. D., Eau Claire, Wis.: "Methods of Dealing with Mothers and Infants."
2. Paper by KATE WALLER BARRETT, Georgia: "Motherhood as a Means of Regeneration."

Municipal and County Charities.

Subject: Vagrancy.

1. Paper by Mr. A. O. WRIGHT, Madison, Wis.: "Tramps."
2. Paper by Rev. J. W. BRADSHAW, Ann Arbor, Mich.: "The Treatment of Tramps in Small Cities."

Social Settlements.

1. Paper by Dr. W. B. CALDWELL, Northwestern University: "The Scotch and English Settlements."
2. Paper by Mr. JACOB ABT, Chicago, Ill.: "The Settlement and Education."

General Session, 8 to 10 p. m.

Subject: Child-Saving Work.

1. Paper by Miss ALICE J. MOTT, Faribault, Minn.: "Extension of the Field of Usefulness of the Trained Care-taker."
2. Report of the Committee on Child Saving by the chairman, H. W. LEWIS, Washington, D. C.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9.—Section Meetings, 9 to 11 a. m.

Juvenile Reformatories.

1. Paper by Superintendent E. M. CARPENTER, New York City: "The Placing out in Homes and the Supervision of Paroled Children."
2. Discussion led by Superintendent J. W. BROWN, Redwing, Minn.
3. Conference. "What Moral and Religious Instruction is being Given in Reform Schools?" Roll call of institutions.

Charity Organization.

1. Address by Mr. ALEXANDER JOHNSON, Fort Wayne, Ind.: "Charity as a Factor in Social Economy."
2. Paper by Miss SADIE AMERICA: "Work Rooms for Women."
3. Discussion by Professors WILCOX and FOLWELL, and Mr. LOCH, of London.

The American Anti-Tramp Society.

1. Paper by Mrs. A. S. BENJAMIN, Portland, Mich.: "The Saloon and the Tramp."
2. Paper by Mr. CARL AKEN, Milwaukee: "The Return of the Land to the People."
3. Paper by Mr. J. A. CALVERT, Milwaukee, Wis.: "Gospel Rescue Work."

General Session, 11 a. m. to 1 p. m.

1. Report of Committee, by Chairman, Hon. JAMES H. STOUT, Menomonie, Wis.
2. Paper by Mrs. E. E. WILLIAMSON, Elizabeth, N. J.: "The Relation of Municipal and County Charities to the Commonwealth."
3. Paper by Hon. W. W. FOLWELL, LL. D., University of Minnesota: "The Relation of Economics to Sociology."

Section Meetings, 2.30 to 4.30 p. m.

Child-Saving Work.

Subject: Institution Life of Children.

1. Paper by Rev. WALTER DELAFIELD, D. D., Chicago, Ill.: "Effects of Institution Life upon American Childhood."
2. Paper by Mr. LYMAN P. ALDEN, Terre Haute, Ind.: "Practical Details of Institution Management."

Municipal and County Charities.

Subject: Out-Door Relief.

1. Paper by Mr. JAS. F. JACKSON, St. Paul, Minn.: "Out-Door Relief as Administered in St. Paul."
2. Paper by Hon. RICHARD GUENTHER, Oshkosh, Wis.
3. Paper by Mr. H. H. HART, St. Paul, Minn.: "Proposed Legislation to Regulate Inter-State Migration of Paupers."

Social Settlements.

1. Paper by Miss MARY McDOWELL, Chicago University Settlement: "The Settlement and the Administration of Charity."
2. Paper by Mr. JAS. B. REYNOLDS, University Settlement, New York: "The Settlement and Municipal Reform." Read by the Secretary.
3. Paper by Miss KATHERINE B. DAVIS, Philadelphia; read by Dr. E. T. DEVINE.

General Session, 8 to 10 p. m.

Subject: Prison Reform.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10.—Section Meetings, 9 to 11 a. m.

Juvenile Reformatories.

1. Paper by Superintendent T. F. CHAPIN, Westboro, Mass.: "In what Branches should Scholastic Education be given in a Reform School?" Discussion led by Mr. E. P. WENTWORTH, Portland, Maine.
2. Paper by Rev. SAMUEL THATCHER, Meriden, Conn.: "At what Age may Pupils be Admitted to Trade Schools with Benefit either to their General Education or Productive Ability?"
3. Discussion led by Superintendent C. W. AINSWORTH, Plankinton, S. D.

Charity Organization.

Union Meeting with Social Settlement Section; Professor GRAHAM TAYLOR presiding.

The American Anti-Tramp Society.

Address by Mayor H. S. PINGREE, Detroit, Mich.

General Session, 11 a. m to 1 p. m.

Subject: The Feeble Minded.

1. Report of the Committee, by Chairman, ALEXANDER JOHNSON, Fort Wayne, Ind.: "Feeble Mindedness as an Inheritance."
2. Paper by Mr. ERNEST P. BICKNELL, Indianapolis, Ind.: "Permanent Custodial Care."

Section Meetings, 2.30 to 4.30 p. m.

Juvenile Reformatories.

1. Paper by Mrs. W. G. FAIRBANK, Middletown, Conn.: "The Effects of Physical Surroundings in the Character Building of Delinquent Boys and Girls."
2. Discussion of paper led by Superintendent A. W. STILES, Delaware, Ohio.

Child-Saving Work.

1. Paper by Mr. J. J. KELSO, Toronto, Canada: "Revival of the Curfew Law."
2. Paper by Rev. GEO. K. HOOVER, D. D., Chicago, Ill.: "Preventive Work without the Use of an Institution."

Municipal and County Charities.

Subject: Poorhouse Management.

1. Paper by Mrs. M. D. FORBES, Menomonie, Wis.: "Employment in Poorhouses."

2. Paper by Mr. ERNEST BICKNELL, Indianapolis, Ind.: "Poorhouse Sanitation."
3. Paper by Mr. JOSEPH BYERS, Columbus, Ohio: "Poorhouse Discipline."

The American Anti-Tramp Society.

Address by Mr. J. S. COXEY, Massillon, Ohio.

Closing Session, 8 to 10 p. m.

It was decided to hold the next conference at Toronto, Canada. Mr. Alexander Johnson, Superintendent of the Industrial School for Feeble-Minded at Fort Wayne, Ind., was elected president of the conference, and Mr. H. H. Hart, of St. Paul, secretary. President Gilman, of Johns Hopkins University, was made chairman of the section on Study of Social Problems in Universities.

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